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**CAROLE MIGDEN RELEASES REPORT ON
YOLO COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Carole Migden, Chairwoman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), earlier today released an Assessment Practices Survey report on the Yolo County Assessor's Office.

Once every five years, the BOE conducts a review of each county's property tax assessment functions to determine whether properties are being assessed properly and to identify areas where improvements should be made. Issued as an "*Assessment Practices Survey*," the report provides an overview of how well the Assessor's Office is performing its duties. The report also includes recommendations to correct any assessment deficiencies and improve compliance with state law.

The BOE found that most properties in Yolo County are being assessed properly, and the overall quality of the assessment roll meets the minimum standards required by the state to qualify for augmentation funds. However, the report provides 33 recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the assessor's operations. Included among those recommendations are the following:

- *Grant the welfare exemption for qualifying multispecialty health care clinics.*
- *Properly apply the low-value property exemption resolution.*
- *Value properties subject to improvement bonds in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code section 110(b).*

The review focused on the quality of the 2002-2003 Yolo County assessment roll, which contained 73,985 assessments having a total enrolled value of \$11.7 billion.

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Note: A copy of the Yolo County Assessment Practices Survey Report is available upon request, or can be found on the BOE's Web site at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/>.